

REMARKS

Claims 13 – 22 are pending; claims 13 – 19 and 22 are rejected; claims 20 and 21 are objected to.

The applicant's attorney cancels claims 13 and 18, and amends claims 14 – 17, 19, 20 and 22. Claim 20 is amended to convert it into an independent claim by including the limitations of claims 13 and 18 from which it depends. The amendment to claim 20 does not narrow claim 20 and does not add any new matter. Claims 14 – 17, 19 and 22 have been amended to correct their dependency from the canceled claim 13 to the amended claim 20. These amendments do not narrow the claims. The applicant's attorney asserts that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

The applicant's attorney has also amended the specification as discussed below. The application type has been revised from divisional to continuation in the paragraph after the title and before the background section. A brief description of FIGS. 9A – 10B has been added to the Brief Description of the Figures section and paragraphs XX and YY. Because FIGS. 9A, 9B, 10A and 10B were included in the drawing sheets, and the additional descriptions are identical to descriptions added in the parent application (serial number 10/116,571, now U.S. Patent 6,814,337) during its prosecution, no new matter has been added.

Conclusion

The applicant's attorney respectfully requests the examiner withdraw his rejection of claims 14 – 17, 19 and 22, and his objection to claims 20 and 21 in view of the amendments and remarks and issue an allowance for claims 14 – 17 and 19 – 22.

Should any additional fees be required, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

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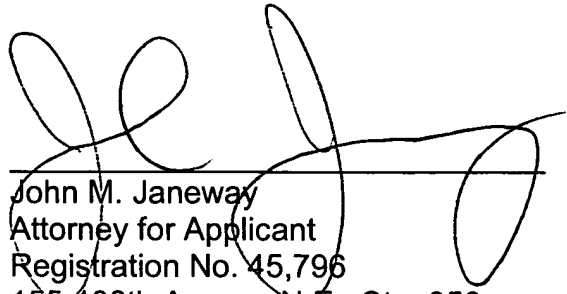
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If the examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' attorney, John Janeway, at (425) 455-5575.

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